

# THE SKY

## STRANGE VISION TWO INDEPENDENCE MEN SAID THEY SAW.

### SOLDIERS APPEAR IN CLOUDS

#### CANNON ON A RAFT CROSSING A RIVER.

Some Think It May Have Been a Mirage—Others the Effect of Lone Jack Liquor—Still Others That It Was Nothing at All.

The people of Independence are all stirred up over a very interesting phenomenon, alleged to have been witnessed yesterday morning by two laboring men as they were on their way to work. S. H. Boydston is not a believer in dreams. He is sober, industrious and truthful, and is not given to sensations. Yesterday morning at 6 o'clock he started for the river, going out the boulevard, and when on an eminence, he looked up and says he saw a strange sight which he will never forget, and which hurried him back to town. In the northeast there was a low hanging cloud skirting the horizon. Suddenly it took on a golden tint. This light was undoubtedly due to the rays of light from the sun, and Boydston says he would have paid no more than passing attention to it had he not witnessed a more wonderful sight. The form of a soldier was clearly outlined in the cloud. His coat was buttoned up, and with arm extended he was pointing towards the southeast. Only the form of the soldier pictured in the sky was visible at this time. Boydston states that this reflection remained some minutes, and was as clearly outlined as if the soldier had stood only a few yards distant. George Merkle, a brick molder, was caught up with Boydston, and gazed at the soldier intently as they walked along. Both saw and both wondered. Then the form of the soldier dissolved from view and another reflection appeared, say the men. It was a figure floating on the water was a raft. On this raft was a large cannon pointed in the same direction as the soldier. This form witnessed only a few seconds before.

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## FILIPINOS DEPART.

Commissioners Leave Manila on a Special Train, but Are Expected to Return Soon.

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President Gonzaga of the Philippine commission, previous to his departure, said: "We greatly appreciate the courtesy shown by the American government in allowing the commissioners to leave on a special train. We have secured the same courtesy from the American government. Its principles impress us profoundly."

The plan of government offered the Philippines seems in theory a good colonial system. But why should a nation with your constitution seek to make a colony of a distant people who have been so long fighting against Spain to secure the same rights your constitution gives? You fought the same battle in America when you fought against England."

Buffalo Bluejackets Welcomed Home. BUFFALO, N. Y., May 25.—About 20 sailors under the command of Lieutenant George W. Logan, who enlisted the men at this port for service on the cruiser Buffalo, have just returned from Manila, arriving here today on the Lehigh Valley railroad from New York. A. A. Williams, Kas.

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